

**St. Paul's United Church, Dundas  
January 11, 2026**

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Land Acknowledgement:**

We acknowledge that Indigenous peoples are the traditional guardians of this land where we gather today. This is the historic territory of the Erie, Neutral, Haudenosaunee, Wendat, and Mississauga peoples.

**We commit to acknowledging the past, working actively to improve our relationship, and learning together in the spirit of true reconciliation.**

**Prelude:** "Winter" from The Seasons – Antonio Vivaldi

**Call to Worship:**

In the waters of baptism,  
**God marks us as kindred.**

In the waters of baptism,  
**the heavens open up  
and the Spirit pours out love.**

In the waters of baptism,  
**God names us Beloved.**  
In the waters of baptism,  
**God claims us, now and always.**

**Opening Hymn:** V.U. #229 "God of the Sparrow"

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Opening Prayer:**

**Jesus, Beloved Son of God,  
all that you ask of us, you first did yourself.**

**Help us to follow the way you first travelled:  
to serve others and to let ourselves be served;  
to love stranger and neighbour, enemy and friend.  
When we struggle, remind us of our baptism,  
the waters that satisfy the soul's deepest thirst,  
and unite our hearts as one,  
so that we can carry out your work. Amen.**

**Hymn:** V.U. #100 "When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized"

**Celebration time with the young at heart**

**Musical Offering:** "Be Still My Soul" – arr. H. Sorenson  
Andrew Smart Video

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 42:1-9

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 3:13-17  
**The Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!**

**Thoughts For Living:** Come On In, The Water's Great!

**Hymn:** M.V.#144 "Like a Healing Stream"

**Offering/Thanks**

**Sung Offertory:** V.U. #541 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Offering Prayer**

**Prayers of the People**

**Lord's Prayer:**

**Loving Creator we honor you,  
and we honor all that you have made.  
Renew the whole world in the image of your love.  
Give us what we need for today,**

**and a hunger to see the whole world fed.  
Strengthen us for what lies ahead;  
heal us from the hurts of the past;  
give us courage to follow your call in this moment.  
For your love is the only power,  
the only home, the only honor we need,  
in this world and in the world to come.  
Amen.**      Paraphrased by Sarah Dylan Breuer.

**Closing Hymn: M.V. #157 “I Am a Child of God”**

**Commissioning and Benediction**

**Choral Benediction: “May You Run and Not Be Weary”**

**Postlude: “Sortie” – D. Bedard**

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